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SUMMARY. ON SEPTEMBER 16, GOP ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY MRS. IMELDA MARCOS WILL VISIT PRC FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO SEPTEMBER 27. SHE WILL TRAVEL AT INVITATION PREMIER CHOU EN LAI AND AS PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. MALACANANG ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MADAME MARCOS WILL EXPLORE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN FIELDS OF CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH VIEW TOWARD "EVENTUAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16 GOP ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY MRS. MARCOS WILL VISIT PRC FROM SEPTEMBER 20 - SEPTEMBER 27. ANNOUNCEMENT PRESUMABLY TO BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MANILA AND PEKING. MALACANANG ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES FIRST LADY WILL BE TRAVELING AT INVITATION OF PREMIER CHOU EN LAI AND AS PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. HER TRIP BILLED AS "GOOD WILL VISIT"...IN
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WHICH SHE WILL EXPLORE AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION "WITH

VIEW TWOARD EVENTUAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" BETWEEN
PRC AND PHILIPPINES.

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SHOWS MRS. MARCOS DEPARTING MANILA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AN NOON ARRIVING IN PEKING AT 4 P.M.
PRC SENDING NAVIGATOR WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FIRST DIRECT
FLIGHT BETWEEN PEKING AND MANILA. SHE REMAINS IN PEKING
UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING (SEPT 24) WHEN SHE DEPARTS FOR
YENAN. THAT AFTERNOON SHE FLIES TO HANGCHOW WHERE SHE
WILL REMAIN UNTIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT 25) WHEN SHE
FLIES TO SHANGHAI. SHE WILL STAY IN SHANGHAI UNTIL FRIDAY
AFTERNOON (SEPT 27) WHEN SHE DEPARTS FOR MANILA ARRIVING HOME
AT 1745.

4. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS WHICH ANNOUNCED MRS. MARCOS
VISIT WITH BANNER HEADLINES AND PICTURES TERMS IT "QUANTUM
JUMP" IN MARCOS' EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRC.
PRESS DESCRIBES MRS. MARCOS' MISSION AS LATEST AND MOST
IMPORTANT IN SERIES OF VISITS MADE TO PRC BY SPECIALLY
AUTHORIZED GROUPS SINCE PRESIDENT MARCOS TOOK OFFICE
IN 1965 AND "STARTED TO SHIFT A COLD-WAR ORIENTED PHILIP-
PINE POLICY TOWARD WIDER AND CLOSER CONTACTS WITH THE
COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST BLOC."

5. MRS. MARCOS' OFFICIAL PARTY WILL INCLUDE VICENTE
PATERNO, SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
OF INVESTMENTS, TOURISM SECRETARY ASPIRAS, RONNIE VELASCO
OF PETROFIL (WHO HAS VISITED PEKING BEFORE), J.V. CRUZ
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, RALPH GONZALES PHIL CG
IN HONG KONG, ALEX FERNANDEZ OF TIMES JOURNAL, LARRY
CRUZ OF DPI, LOUIS TABUENA MIA, AND ELADIO ADRIANO
PAL. ALL EXCEPT PATERNO AND VELASCO ARE FROM MRS. MARCOS'
SIDE OF MALACANANG.

6. PRESS CHARACTERIZATION OF VISIT AS QUANTUM
JUMP IN EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS IS, WE BELIEVE,
LARGELY FOR DECORATIVE PURPOSES. DESCRIPTION OF VISIT
AND PRESIDENT'S SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION POLICY IN
MANILA'S 10988 STILL APPLY. NO QUESTION, HOWEVER, THAT
IMAGE OF ADVANCING PRC-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS WILL BE
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